only reiterated the fact that this Government think that the President of the District Board is sufficiently eminent to represent public opinion."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Government have got any proposal before them to eliminate the District Board President also from these Transport Authorities? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We have no such proposal. But, if the hon. Member would suggest it, the Government will certainly consider the proposal."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister inform this House how exactly the non-official element had been functioning to justify the conclusion that its influence was deleterious to the proper functioning of the Transport Authorities? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have nothing more to add to what I have already stated."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, is it the view of the Government that 'non-official' means 'non-Congress'? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid the hon. Member has drawn his own conclusions."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, what are the reasons that made the Government think of removing the non-official President of the District Board from the Transport Authority? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is putting the question in a different manner."

Representations regarding the grievances of the Non-Gazetted Officers

* 12 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Non-Gazetted Officers' Wives' Association, Tanjore, regarding the grievances of the Non-Gazetted Officers; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir, certain resolutions have been received and the requests are being examined by the Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know the nature of the requests? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Wives want husbands' emoluments to be increased."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I know, Sir, how long the Government will take to consider this memorandum? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Any request for increase of public expenditure, as the hon. Member who put the question knows, must take much time, and we have immediately an occasion for taking the whole House into confidence."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the demands of the Non-Gazetted Officers that their pay, allowances and conditions of service should be the same as those of Central Government employees? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the Government will give every consideration to the claims made by their loyal staff, and hon. Members may rest content with the general principle that the Government are more interested in keeping their servants contented than the Opposition."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" By what quantum of money have the wives expressed their love for their husbands? " 11-15 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I need not take up the time of the House by saying that I want notice to answer the question. Wives have no limitations to their demands." (Laughter.)

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Now that rationing has been removed and the prices of essential goods are not the same as before, and a surcharge on bus fares also is proposed to be levied, will the Government be pleased to consider this matter anew and take the necessary steps immediately? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The business of the Opposition is to increase the demands of the people. The business of the Government is to examine them."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The Hon. Chief Minister referred to 'loyal' officials of the Government. May I know whether the Government are keeping any record of those who are considered not loyal? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" 'Loyal' is a non-discriminatory complimentary adjective." (Laughter.)

Reduction of prices of yarn.

* 13 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have recommended to the Union Government a reduction of prices of all counts of yarn; and

(*b*) if so, what reply has been received from the Union Government in the matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government of Madras are in correspondence on this subject."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The question asks whether the Government have recommended a reduction of yarn prices and not